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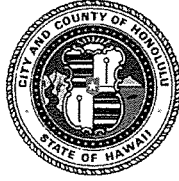
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Dear Chair Fukunaga and Councilmembers:

My name is Mark Wong, and I am the Director for the Department of Information Technology (DIT) and the Chief Information Officer for the City and County of Honolulu.

This letter is submitted in conditional support of Bill 53, relating to Open Data. The City currently maintains two sites for the dissemination of public information. The first, referenced in Bill 53, is data.honolulu.gov. A second site, gis.hicentral.com, is a repository for maps and geo-coded databases.

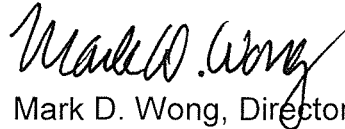
Honolulu is similar to many cities in having established an open-data initiative, but the largest cities in the country are still planning for creation of procedures to implement an Open Data Policy (<http://www.sandiegodata.org/reports/municipal-open-data-policies/>). Even the federal government took two years to develop the National Action Plan after President Obama issued the Open Government Directive.

With the comparatively limited resources of the City and County of Honolulu, it is clear that codifying standards and procedures could take in excess of two years, and a timeframe of 90 days is out of the question. DIT has few examples on which it can model a document, and a reasonable timeframe for producing a draft would be at least two years.

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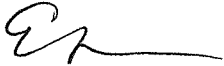
Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Bill 53.

Sincerely,



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